

**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Makoto NAMIKAWA, et al.

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For: **CLEANING SHEETS AND METHOD OF CLEANING WITH THE SAME****DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We, Makoto Namikawa and Yoshio Terada hereby separately declare and state:

THAT I am a citizen of Japan, and am a joint inventor of an invention entitled **CLEANING SHEETS AND METHODS OF CLEANING WITH THE SAME**, which is disclosed and claimed in the above referenced U.S. Patent Application No.10/642,652;

THAT I am employed by **NITTO DENKO CORPORATION**, a corporation of Japan and the assignee of the above referenced application by virtue of an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at reel 014408, frame 0089 on August 19, 2003;

THAT I, along with my co-inventor, completed the invention disclosed and claimed in the above referenced application in the course of my work for **NITTO DENKO**, prior to July 24, 2003, the effective filing date of U.S. Patent 6,845,225 to Toyoda et al., as evidenced by the following:



U.S. Application No. 10/642,652
Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

THAT NITTO DENKO filed Japanese Application JP 2001-309340 on October 5, 2001, which is prior to July 24, 2003. A copy of JP 2001-309340, along with a verified English translation thereof, is attached hereto;

THAT we conceived the invention disclosed and claimed in JP 2001-309340;

THAT JP 2001-309340 discloses the subject matter of the present application, in particular, a cleaning sheet and method of cleaning with the same, as described and claimed in the present application;

THAT JP 2001-309340 meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, of at least the subject matter of claims 1-4 of the present application;

THAT the filing of JP 2001-309340 in Japan, a WTO member country, is evidence of constructive reduction to practice pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 104 and MPEP §715.07(c), prior to July 24, 2003.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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